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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA/OCI/USSR-EE (ATTN: [REDACTED])

SUBJECT : Soviet Activities Fact Sheet (U)

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1. The information contained in the Fact Sheet provides a quick and useful guide to Soviet activities in the Middle East and we welcome its publication. We found the format easy to work with and believe that a quarterly production will be adequate for our needs. The short, three paragraph introductory statement was very useful as were the comment sections for several of the countries discussed. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. The following suggestions are offered for your next edition:

- The addition of a page or two on Soviet naval activities in the Mediterranean, Gulf of Aden, and Arabian Sea including deployment highlights and trends.
- A brief review of Soviet dalliances in Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates might be worth considering.
- Addition of a section on the Soviet and East European official or quasi-official presence in each country other than military technicians would be useful. (SECRET)

3. Since the Fact Sheet will probably be held to not more than 15-20 pages and is already on tape, we suggest that a complete new edition be published quarterly rather than using change sheets. This should insure that all consumers are being energized by the same stimuli. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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